



Our Lady of the Snow

*175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, New York 11715
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April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”



DAILY MASSES:

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM
in Mother Church

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM in
Large Church
Sunday 7:30 AM in
Large Church
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
in Large Church

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 4:00 PM -
4:30 PM
in Large Church

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION:**

Monday
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
in Mother Church

ROSARY:

April 6 , 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Catholic Marriage for couples
married outside the Church:**

If you have a civil marriage but now desire a Catholic sacramental marriage, call the Rectory for more information about a Convalidation. Convalidation is having a couple's marriage recognized and blessed by the Church through the Catholic Rite of Marriage.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six to twelve months in advance. It is advisable to call the church prior to arranging the reception.

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.):

Persons interested in becoming Catholic and adults who have not received Confirmation or First Eucharist, please contact the rectory office.

Communion for the Homebound:

To make arrangements to have Communion brought to the home, please call the parish office at 363-6385, ext. 110. For emergency sick calls, please call the parish at any time.

Baptisms:

Call the rectory office to schedule a Baptism



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Lt. Col. Meghan Ederle

Major Kyle Brown

Major Robert Gervasio

Capt. Evan Bernstein

Lt. Sean Brown

LTJG Shannon Wojciechowski

LTJG Douglas Wojciechowski

LTJG Thomas Adair

DO, CPT, MC Kate Desmond-Baker

TSgt. Mark C. Erickson

SMSgt Harold L. Erickson

E3/ACAN Connor Rooney USN

Sgt. Samuel Campanella

Lt. Robert Fleming

Lt. Ross Oley

Pray for Our Sick

We pray for all who are sick, for their healing in both body and spirit....

John Marino

In Sympathy

For all who have died this past week, that they rejoice in the heavenly banquet...

Emily Travers



*Altar Bread and Wine
In honor of
Martha Drake ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In honor of Martha Drake ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 9121**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

During the Covid 19 crisis our food pantry has remained open to assist those in need in our community.

We are in most need of:

- Canned chili**
- Baked beans**
- Kitchen garbage bags**
- Paper towels**

All donations may be left outside the pantry doors in the large church before mass at the weekends, or during the week outside the doors of the

***Large Church
Monday – Thursday
10am-1pm.***

If you are shopping in the Blue Point King Kullen there is also a box to the left of the exit doors for donations.

We are most grateful to the volunteers, the parishioners and the local community who have assisted our efforts to serve those in need during these difficult times.

MASSt INTENTIONS

Sunday	Apr 4,
7:30 AM	Bernard O'Brien †
9:00 AM	Mark Charvat †
11:00 AM	Richard Xeller †
Monday	Apr 5,
8:30 AM	Bernard O'Brien †
Tuesday	Apr 6,
8:30 AM	Carolyn Miller†
Wednesday	Apr 7,
8:30 AM	Al Ferrell †
Thursday	Apr 8,
8:30 AM	Bart Plescia †
Friday	Apr 9,
8:30 AM	Eileen Shelbourne †
Saturday	Apr 10,
5:00 PM	Martha Drake (Living) †
	Parishioners
	Jean Kerzner †
	Tim Long †
	Charles Staub†
Sunday	Apr 11,
7:30 AM	Valia Naso 33rd
9:00 AM	Leo Krumholz †
11:00 AM	Catherine Basak †

Prayer Presence

Respect Life Ministry continues to meet on the second Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood, located on Waverly Avenue in Patchogue, to pray a rosary for those seeking services there. All are welcome. This is a peaceful presence. Signs are provided.

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FAITH FORMATION

A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Level 2 Parents:

Dates for rehearsals and Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion were mailed to families on Monday, March 1st. Thank you for your response to our surveys. Three sessions of First Reconciliations were held on Saturday, March 27. Please check your letter for dates of 1st Communion and rehearsal for 1st Communion coming up this month.

Level 9 Parents:

On February 11th letters were mailed home containing Confirmation dates, rehearsal dates and Confirmation Retreat dates. Four Confirmation mini-retreats were held in March. Please check your letter for dates of Confirmation and rehearsal for Confirmation coming up this month.

A Year of Working in Google Classrooms?

In March we completed our year of digital learning. All classwork was asynchronous, meaning none of it was "live" and the assignments were accessed by registered families, working at their own pace.

When is Virtual Work Due?

For those making up work who may need time beyond March, all the Google Classrooms will be archived on June 30th, and the Google Classroom will be closed until next fall at that point as it is being updated.

Can Parishioners Without Children in the Program See What Students Are Learning?

Yes! While access to level-specific Google Classrooms is for registrants only, parishioners can see some of what students are learning by visiting olsvc.blogspot.com.

Upcoming Registration for the 2021-22 Faith Formation Year

Registration for this year is now closed. Registration for next year will open in May. Please check the bulletin for updates.

The Faith Formation Office Has Moved

The Faith Formation office is no longer located in the basement of the Rectory. The back door of the Rectory is now part of a private residence. The office has moved to the large church. There is no longer a place to drop off or pick up materials outside. Please call or email Loren Christie to make an appointment to stop by. To get to the office, press the Ring on the left side of the front doors of the large church.



Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

He is risen. If the meaning of our entire faith can possibly be encapsulated into three words, this might be them. And yet, so many people seem to have lost that sense of awe and wonder that Easter should inspire in us. Easter is the greatest holiday of the year and we're not just referencing the Catholic liturgical calendar. We mean all years for all people of all faiths (even people with no faith), whether they know it or not. It is the greatest holiday of all time for everyone. Way more important than the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday or even Christmas. Christians know this to be the case but if a non-Christian asked us why this is, what would we say? Well, Jesus rose from the dead. That's a pretty big deal, isn't it?

Our Jewish brothers and sisters could easily point out to us that we learn from scripture that Old Testament prophets Elijah and Elisha both raised people from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24 & 2 Kings 4:18-37). In fact, in the Acts of the Apostles, both Peter and Paul perform the same miracle (Acts 9:36-42 & Acts 20:7-12). The gospels record Jesus raising three people from death. Saint Paul, in defending himself against the charges brought by the Jewish authorities asks, "Why does it seem incredible to you that God should raise the dead?" (Acts 26:8).

Clearly, Easter's significance must go further than merely Jesus rising from the dead. It does and there's nothing "merely" about it. Jesus' resurrection shows the victory over mankind's greatest enemies: Satan, sin and death. This is not just merely a return to life by one human being. This is God's offer of the gift of eternal life to all. We have noted before that the Bible from start to finish is the story of God's salvation plan and Easter is the day we commemorate the culminating act of that plan. In Jesus, God entered the world for us. He suffered and died for us. And on Easter morning, He rose for us! Jesus didn't have to rise from the dead for Himself. He had already paid the price for the forgiveness of our sins with His body and blood. His sacrifice as the paschal lamb of the new covenant was fulfilled. He could have resumed His place in Heaven at the right hand of the Father and we would still have been saved by His death.

But He had to rise, for us. If the last historical fact known about Jesus was His death and burial, most people would have considered His life as having been an abject failure. Sure, He would have known it wasn't. God the Father and Holy Spirit would have known it wasn't and the citizens of Heaven would have known it wasn't. But what about us? What about the people still living earthly mortal lives? That Jesus lived and died is a widely accepted historical fact. The first century Jewish historian Josephus as well as the Roman Tacitus both make mention of Him. But as for Him being God-incarnate who died for the forgiveness of our sins: that would take faith. And God knew that faith would have to be based upon some *thing*. Jesus said when He was raised up, He would draw all men to Himself (John 12:32). He didn't just mean being raised up on the cross. He also meant being raised up from death to life. This was the sign that we were going to need.

The tomb must be empty. The news would seem too good to be true. For us to believe in the free gift of salvation and eternal life there would have to be a visible sign of life. Mary Magdalene and the other women are the first witnesses to the resurrection because they never stopped following Him...even in death. They went to the tomb to perform a ritual of death and anoint the body of their beloved Lord. They don't let anything stop them from this act of love and devotion. Not even an enormous stone and Roman guards can deter them from their mission. But instead of performing a ritual of death, they are met with a message of life: "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive. He is not here; he is risen" (Luke 24:5)

Victory is complete. The tomb could not hold Jesus and now death has no hold on us. Death is no longer something to fear. The pathway to salvation is following Jesus like the women did. Once you start, don't stop. The road to eternal life leads through Calvary and the cross but keeps going onward past an empty tomb so that on Easter morning we can declare He rose for me. He rose for all of us. The Lord is risen indeed!